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From: Werner, Lora <Werner.Lora@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 9:08 PM
To: Messina, Lawrence C
Subject: Re: Parkersburg Fire - Public Health Guidance

Ok, thank you! I will correct that with my HQ. Sorry to bother you but glad I checked then. Lora

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On Nov 3, 2017, at 9:04 PM, Messina, Lawrence C <Lawrence.C.Messina@wv.gov> wrote:

Good evening. I remain the Public Information Officer for Incident Command. An alternative is Carrie Brainard, PIO for the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept., which covers the Parkersburg area. She is part of our (virtual) Joint Information Center.
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From: "Werner, Lora" <Werner.Lora@epa.gov>
Date: 2017/11/03 8:59 PM (GMT-05:00)
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Hello again

My HQ comms office asked for a corresponding media contact in WV for followup on questions beyond our lane on this incident. Based on the 10/27 news release at <http://dep.wv.gov/news/Pages/Air-Quality-Sampling-Results-From-Area-Surrounding-Parkersburg-Fire-Available-Online.aspx>, I gave them the contact info for Jake Glance printed at the bottom of that. Is that ok? Or should I give them your contact info or someone at the county? WTAP is who contacted us. I am pretty sure they already know how to reach out to state/local authorities for this, but regardless could you let me know the preferred lead media contact for this incident?

Thank you. Lora

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On Nov 3, 2017, at 4:38 PM, Messina, Lawrence C <Lawrence.C.Messina@wv.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon. Thank you for the update. I certainly agree with your point about the unanswered questions. I had meant to include such language as one of the summary

bullet points. To be sure, it has been part of our messaging and I will make sure we continue to emphasize it.

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Hello Lawrence

Thanks for corresponding with me about this earlier today. I really appreciate how you provided the full context of our email alongside your excerpted summary points. I found the link online for this on the Mid Ohio Valley website.

One item that may not have come across as much in our 10/31/17 email but we tried to emphasize in our prior and ongoing communications with EPA and state/local health is the issue of how little we really know about the chemical contamination that was in the air (and may never know). We will continue to review the laboratory analytical information that will be available from EPA and CTEH going forward, but likely there will remain unanswered questions about the specific chemical exposures community members and responders experienced during this incident. I think it is important to continue to emphasize this limitation to the public.

ATSDR/CDC's media office did receive a media inquiry from a local TV station in Parkersburg this afternoon about this, but I don't think we will be able to accommodate their request for an interview by 5 pm today.

Best, Lora

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